Violence in Assam during HM visit

1353. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-Eastern Assam was rocked with violence during the visit of Union Home Minister in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the militant groups responsible for violence in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their violent activities; and

(e) the steps taken to bring them to mainstream of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No major violence was reported in Assam during September, 2004.

(c) and (d) The militant outfits active in Assam are United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD), United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) and Karbi Longri NC Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF). Their demands range from separate Statehood to sovereign State.

(e) Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, have right kind of laws and modernize and strengthen the Policy/Security Forces, to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent persons in society.

Establishment of Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan Region

1354. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Maharashtra has been demanding to the Union Home Affairs for the establishment of Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan region;